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1. Eleven jet fighters and eight single-engine fighters were at Dessau (M 52/E 06) airfield on 14 July 1950. The jet fighters had swept-back wings, were painted silver and had red numbers on their fuselages. There was intensive flying in good weather. The jet planes flew in formations of two, four and eight aircraft. It took eight planes three minutes from the time of take-off to assemble in formation. The planes stayed aloft for 30 to 40 minutes. Truck  was seen at the field. During the flying a radio truck was standing at the field. The airfield personnel were quartered in two large buildings south of the field. *
2. The number of conventional fighters stationed at Dessau airfield had increased to about 50 by 16 July 1950. ** Twenty-four jet fighters were also stationed there. *
3. Thirty jet fighters which approached from the northeast landed at Dessau airfield on 20 July 1950.
4. Two jet fighters took off together several times from Dessau airfield and circled the field at about 9:00 p.m. on 26 July 1950.
5. On 27 July 1950, 17 jet fighters with swept-back wings, 13 fighters with radial engine and 2 U-2s were seen at the field. Truck  and passenger car  were leaving the field. An observation post was set up on a wooden building at the southern edge of the field and a wind cone was beside the building. *

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